told *Æsop* he was welcome to make use of his garden when he pleased.

Xanthus did not live in the most comfortable manner with his wife, and an accident happened soon after *Æsop* came to him that occasioned a quarrel, which was carried so far on the lady's part, that she packed up her apparel, left her husband, and retired to her relations; and no persuasions and intreaties could induce her to return.

Æsop, perceiving his master was much disturbed at her obstinacy, endeavoured to comfort him, and told him he had a project that would bring his mistress back again, with as much speed as she went away. The master approved of the scheme, and away *Æsop* hies to the poulterers, fishmongers, confectioners, *&c.* for the best of every thing that was in season, and told wherever he came that his master's wife having run away from him he had married another, and this was for a wedding entertainment. This news, which flew like lightning, soon reached the ears of the run-away lady, who was so affected at it that away she posts back to her husband with outrageous looks, rings a peal in his ears, and having

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Upon this he fell into a
sion with *Æsop*: Thou
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